

CLAIMS:

1. An information editing apparatus, comprising:

a deciding device for deciding whether a thumbnail image can be changed or not based on change permission information indicating whether the thumbnail image is changeable, the thumbnail image showing contents of recorded information which includes at least image information and is recorded on a recording medium, and

a change prohibiting device for prohibiting a change of the thumbnail image when the deciding device decides that a change is not permitted,

wherein editing is performed on a reproduced form of the recorded information recorded on the recording medium.

2. The information editing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a generating circuit which generates a display signal for displaying a warning indicating that the thumbnail image cannot be changed when the deciding device decides that a change is not permitted.

3. The information editing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a changing device for changing the thumbnail image when the deciding device decides that a change is permitted.

4. An information editing method, comprising:

a deciding process for deciding whether a thumbnail image can be changed or not based on change permission information indicating whether a change can be made on the thumbnail image showing contents

of recorded information which includes at least image information and is recorded on a recording medium, and

5 a change prohibiting process for prohibiting a change of the thumbnail image when the deciding device decides that a change is not permitted,

wherein editing is performed on a reproduced form of the recorded information recorded on the recording medium.

10 5. The information editing method according to claim 4, further comprising a generating process which generates a display signal for displaying a warning indicating that the thumbnail image cannot be changed when the deciding device decides that a change is not permitted.

15 6. The information editing method according to claim 4, further comprising a changing process for changing the thumbnail image when the deciding device decides, instead of the change prohibiting device, that a change is permitted.

20 7. An information editing program for causing a computer to act as a deciding device,

the computer being included in an information editing apparatus for editing a reproduced form of recorded information which includes at least image information and is recorded on a recording medium,

25 the deciding device deciding whether a thumbnail image can be changed or not based on change permission information indicating

whether a change can be made on the thumbnail image showing contents of the recorded information recorded on the recording medium,

the information editing program causing the computer serving as the deciding device to act as a change prohibiting device for prohibiting a change of the thumbnail image when the deciding device
5 decides that a change is not permitted.

8. The information editing program according to claim 7, wherein the computer is caused to act as a generating device which generates
10 a display signal for displaying a warning indicating that the thumbnail image cannot be changed when the deciding device decides that a change is not permitted.

9. The information editing program according to claim 7, wherein
15 the computer is caused to act as a changing device for changing the thumbnail image when the deciding device decides that a change is permitted.

10. An information recording medium for recording the information
20 editing program according to any one of claims 7 to 9.